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OF THE
RISE and PROGRESS
OF THE
LYING-IN HOSPITAL
FOR
MARRIED WOMEN,

IN BROWNLOW-STREET, LONG-ACRE,

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to July 25, 1751.



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to the present time

by the Rev. John

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Instituted *November* 1749.

AMIDST the Variety of Charities which are the Distinction and Glory of this Age and Nation, perhaps not one has been proposed to the Public more truly beneficial, or more extensive in its Benefits than an Hospital for Lying-in Women. It would be invidious to compare this with the many noble Institutions, which, in different Parts of the Town, are growing Evidences of the Public Spirit and Humanity of the Times: But thus much it is natural and just to observe, that all the Arguments for establishing any Hospital are at least as strong when applied to this. Poverty is an Object of Pity. Sickneſs and Poverty united, ſeem to comprehend all the natural Evils of Life: But as it is not the Caſe of every ſick Perſon to be diſtreſſed in Circumſtances, ſo there are not many Perſons, thus diſtreſſed, whoſe Calamity it is to be frequently or periodically afflicted with Sickneſs; whereas moſt Women that marry, bear Children; and

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those who work for their Subsistence, are, for a considerable Part of their Lives, annually disqualified for Labour. At other Times, their Labour is but a bare Support. During the latter Part of their Pregnancy, and the Time of their Lying-in, the needy Family is wholly taken up in Attendance upon them; and the Joys, natural at such a Season, are suppressed by the Wants which surround them. Or, if they be destitute of this Attendance, how great is the Hazard, that the helpless Mother, or the Child, or perhaps both, may, by their Deaths, become melancholy Instances of the Evils of real Poverty. If, besides, it be considered, that the Public is interested in the Life of both, as the Poor are the necessary Instruments of Ease and Happiness to the Community, this Charity will be so far from needing a Recommendation, that it is rather Matter of Surprize, a Design so full of the mutual Love enjoined by Religion, and of the Sympathy excited by Nature, has not been hitherto executed. However, it takes Place at last, and must by Degrees flourish, whilst a Spirit of Charity and Benevolence prevails.—But there are some Persons whom it more particularly addresses for Encouragement;—Ladies, who have experienced the Pains of Child-birth. This Hospital calls upon them to remember their own Fears and Sufferings, their Expence in providing against all the possible Accidents of their Situation; how much they felt for themselves, how much for their Infants! What Care and Attendance they thought absolutely necessary

cessary for their own Preservation, and what Grief they underwent at the Loss, or even the Indisposition of a Child. When they recollect all this, they cannot but sympathize with the Poor in the same Situation; who undergo all their Fears and Sufferings, without their Comforts and Conveniencies. Other Ladies, who have not experienced, may yet imagine the Distresses of this Condition, and will be naturally prompted, by the Tenderness and Compassion of the Sex, to contribute to its Relief. Gentlemen too, whether Fathers of Families or not, are by Emotions of Humanity in general, and Affection for the Sex in particular, powerfully excited to commiserate the Case of Women so circumstanced.

By the Plan of this Hospital, every Convenience these distressed Objects can require, is amply provided; Commodious Apartments and Beds, good Nursing, plain suitable Diet, proper Medicines, the charitable Assistance of Gentlemen of Skill and Experience in Midwifery, and on due Occasions, the spiritual Comfort of a sober and pious Divine. These several Benefits they will enjoy, without the least Expence to themselves, and at a Time when their Condition renders them useless, or rather a Burden to their Families at Home; to which, from the Care taken of them in this Hospital, they will probably, in a few Weeks, be able to return strong and healthy.

RISE and PROGRESS of this HOSPITAL.

THIS Hospital was instituted in *November 1749*, a Subscription having been set on Foot for that Purpose, by several Gentlemen, who were Governors of the *Middlesex Hospital*, for *Sick and Lane*, and *Lying-in Women*, and who had separated from that Hospital; they having discovered, that, notwithstanding the large Benefactions, the Legacies, and much the greatest Part of the Subscriptions, since the Addition of the LYING-IN WARD, had arose chiefly from the Merit of that Part of the Charity, and that the Hospital even owed its Support to the Introduction of the LYING-IN WARD; yet not above *One Fourth* of the Money on a fair Estimate [*See the Estimate following*] had been applied to its Use, and the remaining *Three Fourths* expended on the *Sick and Lane*.—This being the Case, the Governors thought themselves obliged, as Trustees to the Subscribers, to endeavour to procure a more just Application of their Subscriptions; and therefore, after other unsuccessful Attempts to obtain Redress, laid this Matter before a Quarterly General Court, held *July 6, 1749*, one of the Vice-Presidents being then in the Chair: Whereupon the following Order was made, *viz.*

“ That there be a Book opened for Subscriptions, with
 “ two Columns only, one for *Sick and Lane*, and the
 “ other for *Lying-in Women*; and that all Subscribers be
 “ at Liberty to subscribe to either, or both of these Cha-
 “ rities; and that the Money be applied to that particular
 “ Charity for which it is subscribed.” But though this Order was so equitable in itself, and had the Sanction like-
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wife of a GENERAL COURT, where the Affair was fully debated, yet it was never put in Execution; but was suppressed by a *Weekly Board*, consisting chiefly of those Governors who had opposed the Motion at the GENERAL COURT.

The above-mentioned Governors, thus finding that Relief could not be obtained, and being desirous that a Charity, so much wanted in this great Metropolis, and so useful to the Public, (there being no Hospital solely employed for the Relief of *Lying-in Women* in his Majesty's Dominions, except in *Dublin*) might be effectually supported, according to the Intention of the Subscribers, They separated from the *Middlesex-Hospital*, and in September, 1749, opened a Subscription for a LYING-IN HOSPITAL singly, to which his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND the President, and near Forty of the Governors, and Ladies Subscribers to that Hospital, contributed.—In November following, a large commodious House was taken in *Brownlow-street*, that Part of the Town being pitched upon as most convenient, on Account of its being situated in a Midway between the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*; and therefore capable of receiving Women with the greater Ease from all Parts.

This gave Rise to the LYING-IN HOSPITAL, which has, besides, since met with such additional Encouragement from the Public, that it is now furnished with Twenty-six Beds, for the Reception of *Lying-in Women*; and Four Houses are taken at the Back of the HOSPITAL, and are now fitting up, and will be furnished with Beds, for the further Reception of *Lying-in Women* applying for Admission into this HOSPITAL.

Estimate.

ESTIMATE before referred to, first published October 25, 1749:

PATIENTS admitted at the MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, from March 25, 1748, to December 31, 1748, according to the Printed Account of that HOSPITAL, published in January, 1748-9.

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| | | Which being supposed to cost the Hospital each 5 <i>s.</i> per Week, and to be in the House six Weeks on an Average, the Expence of each Patient will be 30 <i>s.</i> and the Amount of the 84 will be — | | l. s. d. 126 0 0 | |
| Sick or Lane In-Patients | 84 | | | | |
| | | That nothing may be objected on this Article, let it be supposed, that these Patients are on the Books Six Weeks on an Average, and that they cost the Hospital only 6 <i>s.</i> each Patient, and the Amount will be — | | 110 2 0 | |
| Sick or Lane Out-Patients | 367 | | | | |
| | | | | £236 2 0 | |

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|----------------|----|---|--|----|-----|
| | | It has been asserted, that One Lying-in Woman costs the Hospital as much as Two Sick or Lane In-Patients: If this be true, let it be supposed, that each Woman is in the House Six Weeks on an Average, at the Expence to the Hospital of 10 <i>s.</i> per Week; it will be 3 <i>l.</i> each Woman, and the whole will be — | | | |
| Lying-in Women | 26 | | | 78 | 0 0 |
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|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|----|---------|----------------------------------|
| | | l. | s. | d. | |
| 84 Sick or Lane In-Patients | 126 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 367 — — — — Out Patients | 110 | 2 | 2 | | |
| | | | | 236 2 0 | |
| 451 | | £ 78 | 0 | 0 | 0-But 1-4th of the Total Expence |
| 26 Lying-in Women | | | | | |
| Total 477 | | Total 314 | | 2 | 0 |

Here is estimated only the supposed current Expence for a certain Space of Time; an exact Estimate not being easily made of the whole Expence of the Hospital, without taking in a Number of Years; because Furniture, Repairs, and some other Articles, produce a Charge that is not to be reckoned in the Gross as an Expence of one Year, as they extend in their Use to several Years, and are, very probably, in a near Proportion equal in each Branch of the Charity, viz. of the In-Patients. — Some Share too of the Expence of House-Rent, Repairs, Printing, Furniture of the Apothecary's Shop, Maintenance and Wages of the Apothecary, and of some other Servants, must be charged (as well as Medicines) to the Account of the Out-Patients, as the Hospital is supported for them as well as for the In-Patients.

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ESTIMATE before revised THE

GENERAL PLAN

OF THIS

HOSPITAL,

WITH THE

LAWs, RULEs and ORDERS,

As REVISED, SETTLED, and APPROVED,

AT A

GENERAL QUARTERLY COURT,

Held the 12th of APRIL, 1751.

I.
A PRESIDENT, whose Office is per- President.
petual.

II.
FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS chosen an- Vice-Presidents.
nually.

III.
A TREASURER, chosen annually. Treasurer.

IV.
TWO PHYSICIANS and TWO SURGEONS, Physicians and
practising Midwifery, who deliver the Wo- Surgeons.
men in difficult Cases.

V.

V.

Chaplain. A CHAPLAIN, who performs Divine Service in the Hospital, baptizes the Children, churches the Women, and does the necessary Duties belonging to his Function.

VI.

Apothecary. AN APOTHECARY, who prepares such Medicines as are prescribed for the Women or Children.

VII.

Secretary. A SECRETARY, who keeps the Accounts of the Hospital, attends at General Meetings and Weekly Boards, and does all such other Business as is commonly done by Secretaries, Clerks, or Registers, at other Hospitals.

VIII.

Steward. A STEWARD, who takes Care of the Provisions and Furniture, and does such other Business as belongs to the Office of a Steward.

IX.

Matron. A MATRON, well skilled in Midwifery, who delivers the Women in easy natural Labours, takes Care of the Linen, superintends the Nurses, and sees that every thing, necessary for the Women and Children, be provided according to the Directions of the Physicians and Surgeons: She has under her an ASSISTANT MATRON.

X.

That the Qualification of an ANNUAL GOVERNOR of this Charity be a Subscription of Three Guineas *per Annum*, That of a PERPETUAL GOVERNOR a Payment at once of Thirty Guineas, which shall intitle the Subscriber to recommend and have in the House one Woman at a Time.—LADIES subscribing the said Sums to have the Privilege of recommending Women in the same Manner as Governors: And Persons subscribing double the aforesaid Sums be intitled to have in the House two Women at a Time, and so in Proportion as to larger Sums.

Qualification of
Governors.

XI.

That there be a Quarterly General Court of the Governors of this Charity held, as soon as conveniently may be, after each Quarter-Day; and that the same do consist of NINE Governors at least: That their first Business be to read over the Minutes of the Proceedings of the last Quarterly General Court, and subsequent Weekly Boards, and confirm the same, if no Objection thereto. That the VICE-PRESIDENTS and the TREASURER be chosen annually at the next Quarterly General Court after *Michaelmas*; and that the Weekly Committee do prepare a List of

General Court.

those Officers to be presented to that Court ; and when chosen, they are to enter upon their respective Offices at the *Christmas* following. And that the sole Power of making Laws and Rules for the Government of the Hospital, be lodged in the said General Courts.

XII.

Weekly Committee.

That a Committee of Fifteen Governors be chosen at each Quarterly General Court (the Treasurer, for the Time being, always to be one) any Number of which may transact Business ; That they meet at the Hospital every *Thursday* in the Forenoon, to receive and admit the Women recommended, and to direct the ordinary Affairs of the House. . That this Committee have Power to make Temporary Orders for the Service of the Hospital ; but that they report the same, and all their other Proceedings, to the Quarterly General Court. That any Governor of this Charity be at Liberty to be present at this Weekly Committee ; but that none have a Right of voting there, but those who are Members of such Committee, and the PRESIDENT or VICE-PRESIDENTS, if present. And that the same Rule extend to all other Committees.

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XIII.

That a special General Court may, on a Fortnight's Notice, be called at any Time between the Quarterly Courts, either by Order of a General Court, or of the Weekly Committee; or at the Demand of the Treasurer, or of any Five of the Governors, the said Demand being delivered in Writing at the Weekly Board, and signed with their respective Names. And that the Business of such special General Court be expressed in the said Writing, and in the Summons to the Governors, and be entered upon and determined before any other Business be proposed.

Special General Courts.

XIV.

That all Officers and Servants of the Hospital, above the Rank of Messenger or Nurses, be elected by Ballot, at a General Court of the Governors; and no two Offices in the Hospital be held by a Man and his Wife. And that on any Vacancy, the Day of Election for filling it up, be at least one Month, and not more than three Months after the Day such Vacancy shall happen, unless directed otherwise by express Order of a General Court: But that the inferior Servants be appointed by the Weekly Committee. And that on such Election at a Ge-

neral Court, the Ladies, Subscribers to the Hospital, have a Right of voting by Proxy, provided that such Proxy be a Governor of the Charity: And that no Governor be Proxy for more than one Lady at a Time. The Person the Lady votes for, to be named in Writing, either by the Lady herself, or by her Proxy; or she may send a Letter to the Board, without a Proxy, naming the Person she votes for, which will be regarded as her Vote.

XV.

Regulation of
Debates at General
Courts.

That at all General Courts every Person speaking address himself to the Chair; and no Person speak more than twice in any one Debate, without Leave from the Chairman; and if two Persons offer to speak at the same Time, the Chairman shall direct which of them shall proceed; and if a Difference arise upon any Question, such Question shall be fairly stated by the Chairman, and shall be determined by holding up of Hands, dividing, or by Ballot, as the Chairman shall direct; and all Elections at a General Court shall be determined by Ballot; and if there be an equal Number on the Ballot, the Chairman shall have the Casting Voice.

XVI.

Examination of
Tradesmens
Bills.

That the Weekly Committee have Power to examine, or to appoint from their Number,

a Committee to examine Tradesmens Bills,
and direct their Payment.

XVII.

That the Minutes of the last Weekly Board be read at the next succeeding Board, before any other Business be entered upon.

Minutes of
Weekly Boards.

XVIII.

That no Servants of the Hospital, or any other Person belonging, or any Way related to it, do presume, at any Time, to take of any Tradesman, Patient, Servant, Stranger, or others, any Fee, Reward, or Gratification of any Kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service done, or to be done, on Account of the Hospital, on Pain of being immediately discharged.

No Presents to be
taken by Ser-
vants.

XIX.

That the Key of the Poors Box be left with the Treasurer, and that the Money be taken out at the Weekly Board next before each General Quarterly Court.

Poors Box.

XX.

That the Women be received in the last Month of their Pregnancy, on a Letter of Recommendation from a Subscriber, and on making an Affidavit of their Marriage, and of the Settlement of the Husband, in which if the Husband cohabit with the Wife, he shall join, unless prevented by Sick-

Regulations as
to the Admissio
of the Women.

Sickness, or some other reasonable Impediment ; and also producing a Testimonial of their Poverty, under the Hands of two substantial Housekeepers of the Neighbourhood where they live, in Case the Committee shall at any Time doubt of their being Objects of this Charity ; and that they be provided with all Necessaries for themselves and Children, at the sole Charge of the Hospital, during their Stay there. And that in Cases requiring it, proper Linen be given to them when they go out : But that no Woman be permitted to go out of the Hospital without her Child ; and that the Committee have Power to refuse the Admission of any Person, in Case they see Cause, or shall find them not proper Objects of the Charity. And if any Patient who shall be entered on the List for Admission, shall not come into the Hospital within four Weeks at most, after the Time of her being entered on the List for Admission, such Patient shall be struck off the List, and be not permitted to receive the Benefit of the Charity without a new Recommendation ; and that the Recommender be at Liberty to recommend another Patient.

XXI.

That the Steward receive the Women into the Hospital, on their producing an Order of the following Tenor, (which is given them on their Admission at the Weekly Board) and that he make a Memorandum on the Back of each Order, of the Day of their coming in.

Order for Admission to the Steward.

T O T H E

Steward of the LYING-IN HOSPITAL,
In Brownlow-street, Long-Acre.

REceive A. B. the Wife (or Widow) of
C. D. into the Hospital.

By Order of the Board, made the
Day of 17
Secretary.

And in Case any Woman, who has a proper Recommendation and Affidavit, shall happen to be taken in Labour at any Time between the Board-Days, before she shall have been able to procure an Order of Admission from the Board, the Steward be at Liberty to receive such Woman into the Hospital, with the Approbation of some of the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending the Hospital, or of the Matron; and that he report the same to the next Board.

XXII.

XXII.

Women when
discharged to re-
turn Thanks,
&c.

That when the Women are discharged, they return Thanks at the Weekly Board, and be enjoined by the Chairman to return Thanks to Almighty God, in their respective Places of publick Worship, and to the Subscriber who recommended them.

XXIII.

Time of the Wo-
mens Stay in the
Hospital.

That no Women be kept in the Hospital longer than a Fortnight before their Delivery, and one Month after; unless, on being reported to the Board, they shall think proper to continue them longer.

XXIV.

Diet and Times
for Meals.

That the Patients breakfast at Nine in the Morning in Summer, and Ten in Winter; and dine at Half an Hour after One, and sup at Seven in the Evening. And that the Diet be as follows, allowing to those who are in full Diet, half a Pound of Meat when dressed, a Penny Loaf, and three Pints of Small Beer *per* Day, and twelve Ounces of Butter or Cheese *per* Week; and when they leave off the Low Diet after their Delivery, that they be allowed a Pint of Strong Beer *per* Day, whilst they continue in the Hospital.

LOW

LOW DIET.

Veal or Mutton Broth, Water-Gruel,
Candle.

COMMON DIET.

Veal or Mutton Broth, Beer Caudle,
Boiled Mutton or Veal, Bread and Cheese,
Milk Porridge.

FULL DIET.

Broth, Boiled Mutton and Beef, Bread
and Cheese, Milk Porridge, Trotters.

XXV.

That the Patients go to Bed at Nine in Times of going
to Bed.
the Winter and Ten in the Summer.

XXVI.

That the Steward or Matron do not Orders respecting
Visitors to the
Patients.
permit any Person to visit the Patients on
Sundays, 'till Divine Service is over in the
Afternoon; and that no Person visiting any
of the Patients in the Hospital, who are
not delivered, be permitted to be with them
in any other Part of the House but the
Hall, unless by the Permission of some one
or more of the Gentlemen of the Faculty
attending the Hospital, or of the Matron in
their Absence; and that no Person visit any
of the Patients who are delivered, 'till one-
Week after their Delivery, without such
Permission as aforesaid. That no Visitor
stay in the House more than half an Hour,

on any one Visit, unless by such Permission : And that no Person, without such Permission, be allowed to visit the Patients at any other Time of the Day, than from the Hour of Three to Seven, from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*, and from the Hour of Two to Four, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day* ; and that neither the Husband, nor any other Men belonging to the Patients, be at any Time admitted into the Wards, without Leave of the Physicians or Surgeons.

XXVII.

Diet of Officers
and Servants of
the House.

That a Pound of Meat, two Ounces of Butter, and two Ounces of Cheese, with a proportionable Allowance of Bread and Beer, be allowed every Day to the Steward, Matron, Assistant Matron, and each of the other Servants ; and that they dine at half an Hour after Two.

XXVIII.

Tables of Diet,
and Orders to be
hung up in the
Wards.

That a Table of Diet for the Patients, and the Quantities thereof, be hung up in each Ward, for the Information of the Women ; and also a Table of such other Rules as are necessary to be observed in the Wards.

XXIX.

No strong Li-
quors brought
into the House.

That no Liquors or Provisions of any Sort, be brought to the Patients by their Friends,

Friends, without Leave from the Physicians or Surgeons.

XXX.

That the Nurses clean their Wards every Day before Seven in the Morning, from the First of *March* to the First of *October*; and before Nine, from the First of *October* to the First of *March*.

Orders for the Nurses cleaning the Wards.

XXXI.

That such Patients as are able, do at all Times assist the Nurses and other Servants in Nursing the Patients, and in such other Manner as the Matron shall think fit.

Patients to assist the Nurses.

XXXII.

That all Patients who think themselves aggrieved by any Person in the Hospital, in any Manner whatsoever, do apply for Redress to the Weekly Board.

Patients to complain to the Board if aggrieved.

XXXIII.

That the Matron take due Care of all the Cloathing and Necessaries of the Wards, and do not admit any Woman without the Order of Admission, or on the Emergency mentioned in Article xxi. That she attend all Deliveries, see that the Nurses do their Duty, and that the proper Diet be observed. And that she examine every Woman applying to be admitted, to see that she is free from Vermin, and has not the Itch, or

Matron to inspect the Women before Admittance.

any other contagious Distemper; and if any such appears, that the Matron report the same to the Weekly Board, to prevent such Women being received into the House.

XXXIV.

Registry of Children born.

That the Chaplain do once a Month send a List to the Rector of *St. Giles's in the Fields*, (in which Parish this Hospital is situate) of the Children baptized in this Hospital, with the Christian and Surnames of the Parents, and the Time of the Childrens Births and Baptisms, to the Intent that the said Rector may cause the same to be registered in the Register-Books of that Parish.

XXXV.

Deaths and Burials.

That in Case any of the Patients, or their Children, die in the Hospital, the Steward give Notice thereof to their Relations or Friends, if known; and if they do not take Care to have them buried, that the Steward cause them to be buried in the cheapest Manner he can.

XXXVI.

That these Laws and Rules be read once a Year at least, and particularly at the first Quarterly General Court to be held after *Christmas*.

*At a GENERAL QUARTERLY COURT July 11, 1751.
the following Law was made.*

That, when any Vacancy shall happen in any of the Offices in this Hospital; which, according to the Rules of the House, are to be filled up by Election at a GENERAL COURT, no NEW SUBSCRIBER, who shall not have paid his or her Subscription before such Vacancy, shall have a Right to vote at such Election, excepting those, who, by a Benefaction of **THIRTY GUINEAS**, shall become **PERPETUAL GOVERNORS**.

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The FORM of the Recommendatory LETTER.

*To the Weekly Committee of the GOVERNORS
of the LYING-IN HOSPITAL, in Brownlow-
Street, Long-Acre.*

GENTLEMEN,
I Recommend of the
Parish of as a
proper Object, both as to Character and Circumstances,
to receive the Benefit of the Charity; and if, upon
Examination, she shall appear such to you, desire she
may be received into the Hospital.

Day of

17

N.B. Thursday is the Day appointed for the Reception of the Women,
who will be admitted in the last Month of their Pregnancy. They
must be at the Hospital by Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, no Letters
of Recommendation being received after that Hour. An Affidavit
must be made of their Marriage, and of the Husband's Settlement:
Printed FORMS of which Affidavit may be had Gratis of the Steward
of the HOSPITAL.

As the Intention of this Charity is to relieve the Wives or Widows
of Persons who have been reduced from affluent, or easy, to indigent Cir-
cumstances; of distressed Housekeepers, and of the labouring and industrious
Poor; the Governors are desired, in their Recommendations, principally
to have Regard to such Kind of Objects: It is also thought expedient, both
for the Reputation of the Charity, and the Ease and Comfort of the more
decent Sort of Patients, that no Women, who do not come clean in their
Cloaths, and free from Vermin, or any contagious Distemper, be admitted
into this Hospital.

FORM

*FORM of an Affidavit, for the Husband
and Wife jointly, in Order to her Ad-
mission into the Hospital.*

A B of and *C B* his Wife,
voluntarily make Oath, That they were law-
fully married to each other, at
on or about the Day of in
the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven
Hundred and And he the
said Husband further maketh Oath,
That his last legal Settlement is in the Parish
of in the of
(as he apprehends and verily believes) and that
he gained his said Settlement by

And the said Husband and Wife say,
That, at the Time of their said Marriage, they
had no other Husband or Wife living.

Sworn the Day of }
17 before me

One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the of

FORM

FORM of an Affidavit, for a Married Woman whose Husband is absent.

A B Wife of **C B** late of
voluntarily maketh Oath, That she was law-
fully married to her said Husband at
on or about the Day of
in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven
Hundred and And that her said
Husband has not been absent from her more
than And this Deponent further
maketh Oath, That her said Husband's last
legal Settlement (as she hath been informed
by him and verily believes) is in the Parish of
in the of
and that the said Settlement was gained by
And further faith, That, when
she married as aforesaid, she was not the Wife
of any other Person, and believes her Husband
had not then any other Wife.

Sworn the Day of
17 before me

One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the of

FORM

FORM of an Affidavit for a Widow.

A B Widow of *C B* late of
 deceased, voluntarily maketh Oath, That she
 was lawfully married to her said late Husband
 at on or about the Day of
 in the Year of our Lord One
 Thousand Seven Hundred and

And that her said Husband died on or about
 the Day of last, and that
 he cohabited with her within the Space of
 next before the Time of his

Death: And this Deponent further maketh
 Oath, That her said late Husband's last legal
 Settlement (as she hath been informed by him
 and verily believes) was in the Parish of
 in the of

and that the said Settlement was gained by

And further faith, That, at
 the Time when she married her said Husband,
 she was not the Wife of any other Person,
 and believes her said Husband had not then
 any other Wife.

Sworn the Day of }
 17 before me }

One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the of

N. B. Printed Forms of these Affidavits are filled up (as before-
 mentioned) by the Secretary at the HOSPITAL.

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SUCH Persons who are inclined to favour this charitable Design, are desired to send their Subscriptions or Benefactions to Sir *Joseph Hankey* and Company, Bankers, in *Fenchurch-Street*; to Messieurs *Campbell* and *Bruce*, Bankers, in the *Strand*; to Mr. *John Arthur*, Merchant, in *Dean-Street, Soho*, Treasurer to the Hospital, or to the Weekly Committee, who meet at the Hospital every *Thursday* in the Forenoon.

And those who chuse to be Benefactors by their Last Will, have the following Form recommended to them.

Item, *I Give and bequeath unto A B, and C D, the Sum of _____ upon Trust, and to the Intent that they, or one of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, of a Society, who now call themselves the Governors of the Lying-in Hospital for Married Women, in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre, London; which said Sum of _____ I desire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Society.*

Note, It will be esteemed a great Benefit to the Charity, if Ladies would be pleased, occasionally, to visit the Hospital, to inspect the Management of the Women and Children. And in case they shall please to signify their Observations, by Letter, to the Weekly Board, they will be duly regarded.

*An Account of the WOMEN who have received the Benefit
of this HOSPITAL, from the 7th Dec. 1749, (the
Time of first admitting Women) to the 25th of July,
1751.*

| | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| Entered on the List for Admission, | _____ | _____ | 397 |
| Delivered in the Hospital, | _____ | _____ | 323 |
| Delivered at home, being taken suddenly in La- bour, and could not be removed; but as they were upon the List for Admission, they were supported at the Ex- pence of the Charity, | } | | 9 |
| Discharged for Irregu- larity, | } | | 332 |
| | _____ | _____ | 14 |
| Now in the Hospital, | _____ | 21 | 346 |
| Remain on the List, | _____ | 30 | |
| | _____ | _____ | 51 |
| Total | _____ | _____ | 397 |

CHILDREN

| | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| Born in the Hospital within the Time above- mentioned, two Women having had Twins, | } | | 303 |
| Still-born | _____ | _____ | 22 |

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*An ACCOUNT of the RECEIPTS and
from its first Institution in November, 1749,*

RECEIPTS

| By Benefactions received, viz. | | l. | s. | d. |
|--|---|------|----|----|
| From <i>James Cleopas Simond, Esq;</i> | — | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| From a Society of Gentlemen, who chose to conceal their Names, | — | 7 | 17 | 6 |
| From a Person unknown, by the Hands of Dr. <i>Layard,</i> | — | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| From a Lady unknown, by the Hands of <i>Anthony Keck, Esq;</i> | — | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Hill,</i> by the Hands of <i>John Westbrook, Esq;</i> | — | 11 | 16 | 0 |
| From a Lady unknown, by the Hands of the Rev. Mr. <i>Degulbon,</i> | — | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| From <i>Anthony Keck, Esq;</i> towards Furniture | — | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| From the neat Profits of the Benefit Opera for the Use of this Charity. | — | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| From a Person unknown, by the Hands of Dr. <i>David Ross,</i> | — | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| From Sir <i>Joseph Hankey,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Dame <i>Elizabeth Hankey,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Sarah Pyke,</i> | — | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| From a Lady unknown, | — | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| From Lady <i>Betty Germain,</i> over and above her Subscription, | — | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| From the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, | — | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| From Dame <i>Mary Creed,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Sir <i>Thomas Hankey,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>John Hyde, Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>Sampson Gideon, Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From a Person unknown, | — | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| From <i>Anthony Keck, Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From a Person unknown, | — | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Jane Holden,</i> Widow, <i>Mrs. Priscilla Holden,</i> and <i>Mrs. Mary Jolliffe,</i> | — | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Anne Wright,</i> | — | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| From a Person unknown, by the Hands of Dr. <i>Layard,</i> | — | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>John Airay,</i> | — | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| From Sir <i>James Creed,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>John Westbrook, Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>William Randell,</i> | — | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| From a Person unknown, by the Hands of <i>Jasper Cornwallis Esq;</i> | — | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| From <i>Richard Dalton, Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>Moses Mendes,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Lord Viscount <i>Folkstone,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>Aaron Franks,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>William Hunter,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>John Hopkins Esq;</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Catherine Beekingham,</i> | — | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| From Mr. <i>William Minett,</i> | — | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| From a Person unknown, by the Hands of <i>Charles Allix Esq;</i> | — | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| From <i>Mrs. Anne Child,</i> | — | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| By the Charity Box, | — | 7 | 16 | 0 |
| | | 854 | 14 | 0 |
| By Annual Subscriptions | — | 806 | 8 | 0 |
| | | 1661 | 2 | 0 |

1749,

DISBURSEMENTS of this HOSPITAL,
to the 25th of July, 1751.

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | | | |
|---|-----|----|----|-----|
| For Housekeeping, including Butcher, Baker, Brewer, Cheesemonger, Grocer, Tallowchandler, Soapboiler, Coalmerchant, &c. | 391 | 11 | 10 | 1/2 |
| For Rent and Taxes, | 65 | 1 | 9 | |
| For Wages and Gratuities to Servants, &c. | 125 | 0 | 3 | |
| For Stationary Wares, Advertisements, and other Printing, | 101 | 5 | 4 | |
| For Household Furniture, Linnen, &c. | 390 | 3 | 6 | 1/2 |
| For Burials, and Registering of Baptisms, | 32 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| For Workmens Bills for Repairs and convenient Alterations, | 32 | 1 | 4 | |
| For Medicines, | 60 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| Balance remaining in the Treasurer's Hands 25th July 1751, | 462 | 10 | 10 | 4 |

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